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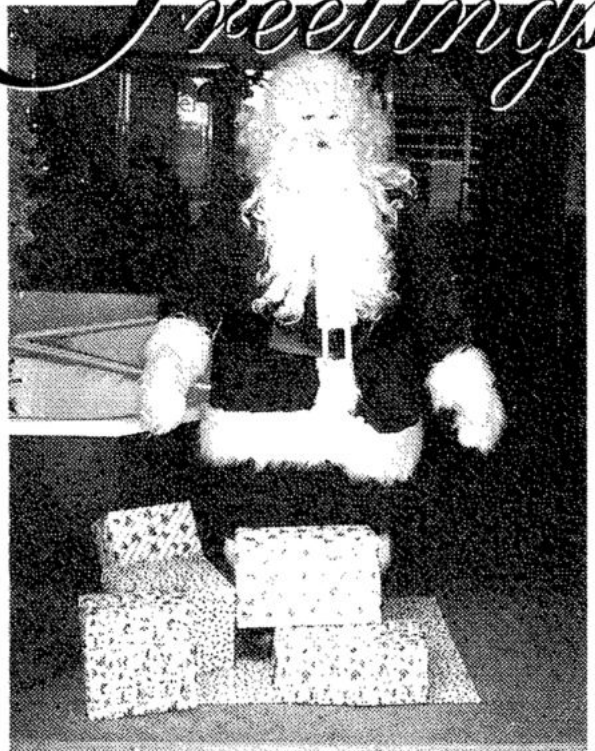
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Season Greetings

*The Springdale
Messenger wishes
you all the joys of
Christmas and
happiness throughout
the New Year*



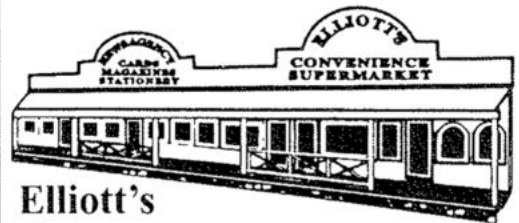
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WHERE ARE YOU FROM? **AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?**

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

Most people need time now and then to pause and consider, to reflect and ponder on the events that have occurred, the direction we are taking, the routes we have travelled and the decisions we have taken.

We live in a strange and a contradictory world, as Kirby once wrote, of light and shadow, of pain and love, of joy and despair and of hope. If life held no challenge, the world no mystery, the heart no doubt, what need would there be of faith? I have reason to agree with him.

In these matters the world was no different 2000 years ago when Jesus of Nazareth was born. God's gift to the world in the form of a baby did not arrive in a blaze of glory like the fireworks over Southbank. That first Christmas Day dawned much like any other.

There came a glow in the eastern sky, a few shepherds saw something different and went to investigate. Gradually the glow grew in brightness until light extended everywhere. A new day had come and the world had changed. Most of the world hadn't noticed! There was a "Light" growing in intensity that

would enable those who wanted to, to see many things with a greater clarity.

We celebrate this occasion with feasting and the giving and receiving of gifts and greetings in a spirit of goodwill and gratitude for the blessings that have been ours. Sometimes it is not the things we give but those we share that are most appreciated things like sympathy, encouragement, gentleness and love. Whatever, it's the doing that counts!

There is after all, something to be said for spending a little less time contemplating the meaning of life and a little more time putting meaning into life.

I believe the giving of gifts is an important and lovely part of the Christian tradition, but the sharing of oneself, of one's mental, spiritual and material substance throughout the whole year is much more important than giving gifts on one day only. Really, that's what being a Christian is all about.

I hope that you have a very happy and joyous Christmas and that the New Year brings peace to you all.

John Brumley

TURN ON TO CHRISTMAS

The photo on our front page shows just how 'TURNED ON' you can get.

David Burnett has been leading the Christmas Lights Brigade for five years now with his excellent displays in the windows of DRYSDALE PLUMBING SUPPLIES AT 23 MURRADO ROAD. He switches on the lights officially on December 1st and keeps them glowing every night till after the first Sunday in the New Year. People come from miles around to admire the wonderful display. The children are mesmerized and the adults are too even if they have to pretend to be a little more sophisticated when the little ones are around.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful sight to see the whole of the pretty township of Drysdale lit up just like David's Place? Christmas Town would really exist on the Bellarine Peninsula.

The Springdale Messenger

As Guyett Real Estate - The Professionals - are suggesting in their Christmas Campaign "Turn On To Christmas" Children and adults alike could spread the Light and Joy of this wonderful Christmas Season amongst our whole community. Just such an effort as David Burnett, his Family and Staff have already shown us can bring great pleasure and enjoyment to many people. Don't miss the display it is truly wonderful.

DRYSDALE PLUMBING SUPPLIES 23 MURRADO ROAD DRYSDALE. 100 YARDS PAST THE DRYSDALE HOTEL TOWARDS ST. LEONARDS.

Congratulations and thanks David and thankyou to The Professionals for their campaign (see the back page for information).

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE -- LIGHT UP WITH A SMILE.

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DRYSDALE FIRE BRIGADE

BRINGS 'SANTA'

TO

DRYSDALE/CLIFTON SPRINGS CHRISTMAS EVE FROM 6.30PM

Time does not permit Santa to go down every Street, Drive and Court etc.
Listed below are the Streets that you can see Santa on the Fire Truck.

ROUTE 1

Whitcombes Road
Carawatha Ave
Waulu Ave
Dundundra Ave
Thambalina Ave
Coorumby Ave
Gumbowie Ave
Gwinganna Ave
Gumarooka Ave
Dandarriga Drive
Coolangatta Drive
Country Club Drive
Bunganowee Drive
Leawarra Way
Parakoola Drive
Central Road
Bukatilla Ave
Boonderabbi Drive
Yarramundi Drive
Mirrabooka Drive
Hill Street
Jetty Road
Kewarra Drive
Bayshore Ave
Barongarook Drive

ROUTE 2

Whitcombes Road
Clifton Springs Road
Princess Street
Bucclough Street
Huntingdon Street
Deburgh Road
Bridge Street
Station Street
High Street
Granville Street
Duke Street
Wyndham Street
Barrands Lane
Parakoola Drive
Almerta Ave
Amarina Road
Lacoora Ave
Central Road
Ada Street
Jetty Road
Wyndham Street
Carolanne Drive
Kimberley Ave
Bennett Street
Rowe Street
Collins Street

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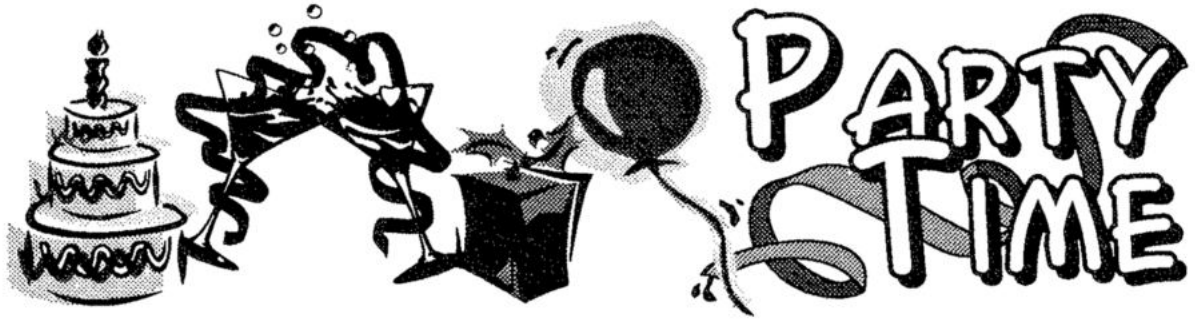
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**'LE SHAH BOUTIQUE'
CLOTHING FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

Le Shah Boutique of Drysdale is situated in the supermarket complex, Shop 54 Drysdale Village, shopping Centre. It is very central therefore making it convenient for most.

Michelle, who operates Le Shah, specialises in the latest fashion designs for ladies of all ages, shapes and sizes. (Most sizes are catered for; ranging from 8's through to size 26's).

Le Shah carries an excellent range of clothing to suit all budgets and varies from casual wear through to After 5's.

Summer ranges have begun, so there will be new arrivals to the store almost every week.

If customers have any particular requirements, talk to Michelle and she will do her best to fill them for you. She can be contacted on (03) 5253 2511.

Lay-bye's are welcome, and with Christmas just around the corner it's a good time to start thinking about gifts or a new outfit for Christmas Day.

There are also many beautiful accessories to enhance your outfits, so pop in for a visit.

CLIFTON SPRINGS CAKE SHOP

Christmas is only around the corner so I hope you have all thought of delicious Christmas Puddings, Cakes and Fruit Mince Tarts.

At Clifton Springs Cake Shop, located at Shop 1/2 Pinnaroo Avenue (next door to Jetty Road Fish and Chips) you can order your Puddings, etc. or come in for a browse and Daryl and Julie will be only too happy to assist you.

As well as Christmas fare there are many assorted cakes, sponges, pies and Clifton Springs Cake Shops very own, baked on the premises, fresh tasty bread and bread rolls.

The Clifton Springs Cake Shop is open 7 days a week right through the Christmas Holidays, except Christmas Day. Phone orders for Christmas Puddings, Christmas Cakes and Fruit Mince Tarts are more than welcome. Phone 5251 3139.



"Le Shah Boutique"
Ladies Clothing and Accessories

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- Lay-by's Welcome...

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SIZES 8 to 26

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RIISING TO YOUR PASTRY KNEADS



CAFÉ DUO

The new meeting, eating place on the Bellarine Peninsula situated in Drysdale. This new Business offers a Café/Bistro Venue/Menu.

Café Duo has a relaxed inviting atmosphere with spacious table settings adjoining a lounge bar area. Where guests are able to enjoy pre Lunch or Dinner Drinks.

The Café offers quality Coffee and Cakes for morning and afternoon drop ins.

The lunch time menu has a Café selection: Four Styles of Focaccia, Smoked Chicken Salad, Pastrami, Bagel Dip Selections, Caesar Salad, Soups and much more, this is a light colourful menu using the freshest of produce to suit the summer season.

The evening menu is a Bistro style combination of Seafood goodies, Fillet Steak and Sundried Tomato and Chive Butter, Chicken Breasts holding char grilled vegetables etc.

Café Duo is fully licenced but we do accept BYO wine. The Café is air-conditioned for your comfort in this summer season.

Phone: (03) 5253 3086.

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*The new Eating & Meeting Spot
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Fully Licenced Bar
B.Y.O. Wine Accepted

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 Friday, 10 am-4pm
 Saturday, 10 am-4pm
 Monday, 10 am-4pm

Evening Bistro:
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FUNCTION BOOKINGS WELCOME

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 Phone 5253 3086

DRYSDALE VILLAGE PIZZA AND PASTA BISTRO

To be found at the roundabout in High Street, open 7 days a week. Dine in, take advantage of the BYO licence and have a great meal in a very calm and pleasant atmosphere.

Our take-away service is fast and the food is just great. Party orders over \$40.00 will receive a 10% discount.

Home delivery is also available in the Drysdale/Clifton Springs and St. Leonards areas - minimum order \$8.00 - and you will have your meal in around 30 minutes.

Drysdale Village Pizza and Pasta have a wide range of pastas and sauces you can mix 'n match. We cater for functions; special occasions and children's birthday parties are great fun. All party hats, lolly bags and decorations are supplied.

Ring and book your party, function or special occasion with us on (03) 5251 3937.

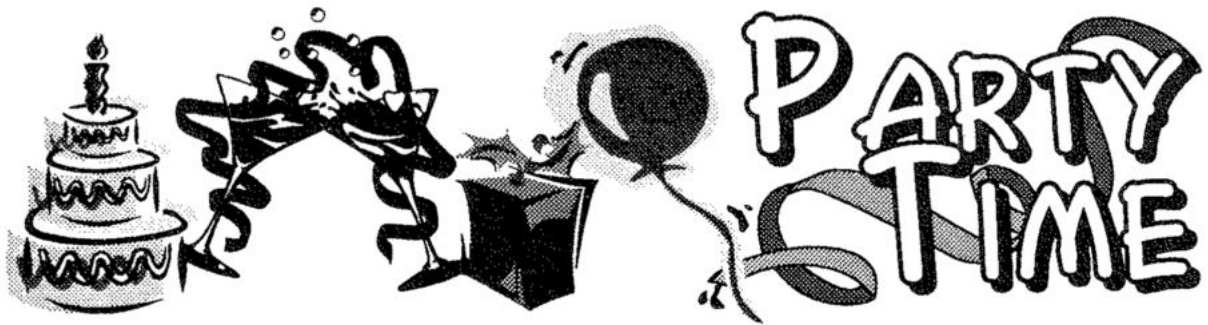


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STONEACRES

Stoneacres Farm, at 330 Scotchmans Road, Drysdale, is well known for its extensive gardens and retail nursery specialising in perennials and Old World roses.

Stoneacres Farm is now being widely praised for its Licenced Café in a splendid galvanised iron building with a welcoming atmosphere and an open fire in cold weather. Looking out over farmland to Arthur's Seat, Swan Bay and The Heads, you can enjoy fresh food chosen from a varied seasonal menu, excellent coffee and a good selection of cakes for morning and afternoon teas.

Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. or by appointment. Telephone (03) 5259 3109 Bookings Essential.



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Teas
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10 am - 5 pm or by appointment
Phone: 5259 3109

CHUI YUAN CHINESE RESTAURANT

The Chui Yuan Chinese Restaurant in High Street, Drysdale offers you great food at reasonable prices.

The Management and staff have much pleasure in introducing you to their exciting menu, which has been compiled through years of experience in Australia.

They aim to please you with authentic Chinese, Thai and Malaysian Cuisine that will be to your entire satisfaction. Their expert staff will be willing to assist you and prepare any dish you may select for your enjoyment. Every meal is freshly cooked. Quality and cleanliness take away and home delivery service available.

Bookings are now being taken for Xmas parties, there are many "Banquets" you could choose from. The prices are from \$15.50 per head.

Let them make your every visit a memorable occasion.

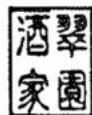
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from Chui Yuan Restaurant.

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Chui Yuan

Chinese Restaurant

(B.Y.O.)



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DRYSDALE HOTEL

At the crossroads of Drysdale is the **Drysdale Hotel**. David Leahy and his family have been looking after the people of Drysdale for the past 20 years.

Over Christmas/New Year Festive Season we have Brian Sprague returning from the Queensland club circuit to entertain us on Friday and Saturday nights. If you haven't seen Brian, then you don't know what you're missing. "Phone for reservations on 5251 2301".

The Bottle shop is open daily, including Christmas Day, offering an extensive range of beer, wines and spirits, and also regular specials, changing every three weeks, through the Inn-Keepers Chain. Call and see Donny - he'll look after you.

Next door is the Pub TAB which is also open daily (except Sunday). There is also a terminal in the Public Bar for your convenience. Sky channel offers a direct telecast of all racing in both venues.

The cosy Dining Room is open every day of the year for counter meals from 12 - 2pm for luncheon, and 6.30 - 8pm for dinner. The chef Lionel Brown has also been looking after the patrons wishes for a long time and knows what you like. His specialties are cooking a nutritious home-cooked meal with all the trimmings - specialising in fresh local seafood and prime steaks. Main meals range from \$12.00.

For a great meal with excellent service, maybe a quick bet and a good bottle of wine, the **Drysdale Hotel** is the place for you.

If visiting the Bellarine Peninsula, drop in for a meal at the

DRYSDALE HOTEL

- Friendly atmosphere
- Counter lunches and teas every day including Sunday
- Cosy log fires



• Geelong's first Pub-TAB facilities
LUNCH 12.00-2.00pm - TEA - 6.30-8.00pm
Your host David Leahy and family
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(On Geelong-Portarlington Main Road)

DRYSDALE COMMUNITY CRAFT SHOP

The Drysdale Community Craft Club recently celebrated 15 years of selling craft at our shop in High Street, Drysdale.

Housed in the original 1825 Public Library building the Craft Shop is open daily from 10a.m. until 5p.m.

With an extensive range of quality hand-made crafts that include baby and children's clothes, knitting, woodwork, china painting, glassware, toys, teddy bears and a large selection of cards - to name just a few - there is sure to be something for everyone, for every occasion!

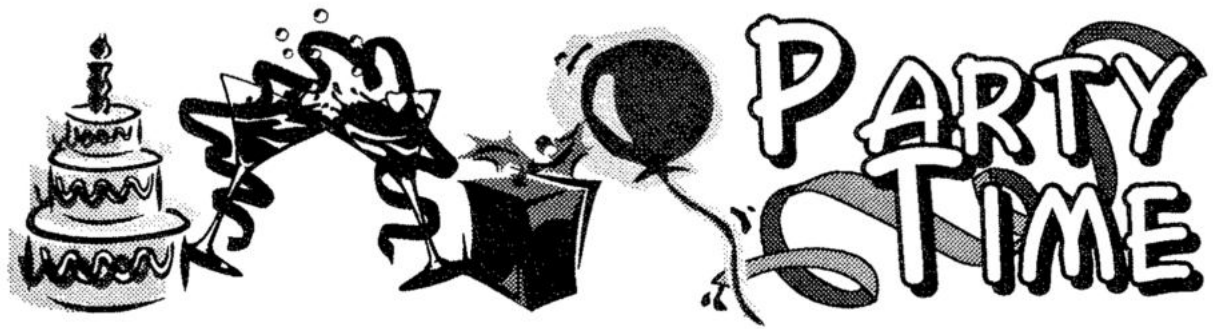
We have new stock arriving daily and a good range of Christmas items priced from 50 cents.

A lay-by and order service is also available.

As a non-profit organisation run by its Members, the Craft Club would like to thank those who have supported us in 1997 and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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IN YOUR GARDEN

Christmas is upon us once again, I still cannot believe that the year is nearly over, I have only just got used to writing 1997. The festive season is wonderful for a couple of things, firstly lots of delicious food, holidays and then my favourite, Christmas presents, although holidays and food are a very close second. This time of year gives us all the festive headache of what to buy for the person who has everything. Well it's obvious to me, (but I am biased) a lovely plant for the garden. They last so much better than a bunch of flowers, and provide a lasting memory of the occasion. Choosing for someone else is always quite difficult, so there is a cheats way out, the old Gift Voucher from the Nursery trick. These nifty little do-dars come in almost any denomination, we are however limited by the amount of zeroes that will fit on the paper.

If you are feeling courageous and are prepared to wander the nursery, there is a large range of flowering plants from which to choose the perfect gift. Hydrangeas in flower, pinks, reds, whites, blues, tall and short, just to make it difficult to decide. Roses of many colors, shapes and sizes, David Austin, Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Ground Cover, Old fashioned, Climbers, Weepers, Standards, well you get the idea there is quite a few to choose from. For the person with the new garden there is a large selection of deciduous trees, Silver Birches, Weeping Willows, Maples, Crab Apples, Cherries, Hawthorns, Fruit Trees. For the special person you might want to splurge a bit and buy a lovely weeping maple, weeping cherry or weeping birch, no that does not mean that they are crying, it means they have naturally cascading habit. Did I mention African Violets in pink, white, mauve, purple, burgundy, single or double, well I have now.

For those of you who are prepared to get your hands dirty to make your own presents there is few different things that can be made very easily. The old hanging basket can be made to look a million dollars if its planted up with some pe-

tunias or small marigolds with lobelia planted around the edge. Don't be too worried about how big the plants will be, because you can cheat and buy the petunias and marigolds in bigger pots and transplant them straight into the basket, the lobelia can then be planted around the edges to fill the gaps. Terracotta pots come in all shapes and sizes and make a very nice gift by themselves, but with a little thought and effort they can be planted up to make a lovely gift. Petunias, Lavenders, Fuchsias, anything that's in or coming into flower can be put to use to make a very pleasant Christmas gift. For the gardener who always seems to run out of the things they need, perhaps a small hamper of things like garden ties, bug spray, potting mix (that makes the present look big and it feels heavy too), snail bait, plant food, whatever you think they need or use.

Christmas is a time for giving and no gift is more precious than one that has had a little bit of thought put into it, not everybody wants a gardening present, but the ones who do, will remember the gift for a long time. From us at Alinga, Neil, Kerrie and Lyn, we would like to wish all our customers and readers too, a very Merry and Safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Neil Muhlhan
Alinga Nursery

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Cnr Jetty Rd & Railway Cres
Drysdale

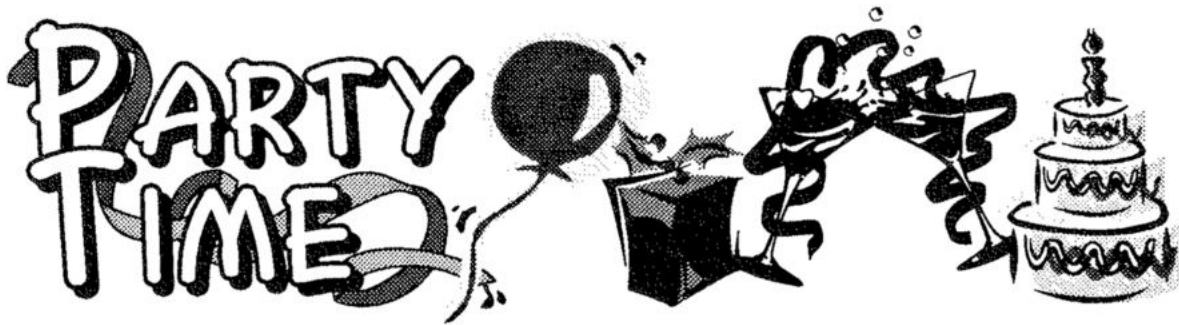
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presents for all ages, come and
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Boxing Day
New Years Day

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TUCKERBERRY HILL

John and Margaret Tucker invite you to call and enjoy the experience of picking your own delicious blueberries.

We are on the Murradoc Hill slopes, with a panoramic view from Melbourne to Point Nepean, and everything in between, so be prepared for windy conditions.

The fruit is in season from December 26th through to the end of February. The question usually asked of us is - "What do you do with blueberries?" The obvious answer is - eat them!

They are delicious eaten fresh, with or without cream or ice cream, or in a fruit salad. They can be cooked in muffins, cakes, puddings, pancakes, used in stuffing for meat dishes, or made into soup!

Blueberries need no peeling, no coring, no seeding - just wash and use them. They need no washing or blanching before freezing and are used straight from the freezer without thawing.

Nutritious, delicious, and so easy - blueberries are good for you too. They are rich in Vitamins A and C, and supply trace elements such as calcium, magnesium, phosphorous and potassium, while low in calories - only 42 per half cup. Try our flavorama.

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AT
TUCKERBERRY HILL

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DALLIMORES TEA ROOMS

More and more people are discovering the delights of Dallimores Tea Rooms in High Street, Drysdale.

Similar in concept to the marvelous tea rooms found in the Dandenongs, owners Lorayne & Keith Winter have beautifully restored their Federation style weatherboard home to incorporate two distinctive eating areas. First comes a cosy room with circular tables, lace tablecloths & the original open fire place. Then a large sunny conservatory type room with ceramic tile floor, marble-topped outdoor furniture & pot plants hanging from an intriguing collection of antique scales.

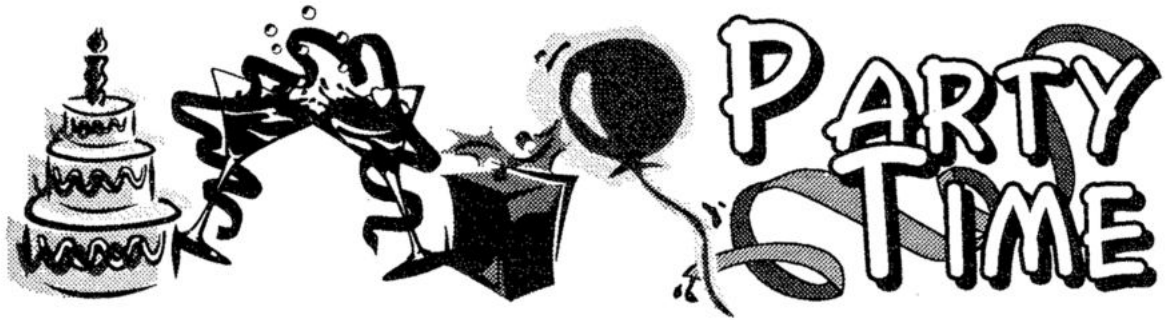
All cakes & meals served are made & prepared by Lorayne, & her Devonshire Teas are an afternoon favourite. Paintings by local artist Hugh Guthrie & also an interesting collection of framed 1930-1950 advertisements, are offered for sale.

Open every day 10.30am to 5pm from 16th December to 31st January, & thereafter closed Mondays & Tuesdays. Dallimores is at 23 High Street, Drysdale. Phone: (03) 5253 2269.

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On behalf of our family and staff we wish all our Valued Customers a Merry and Safe Christmas and a prosperous 1998.

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A YEAR OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The City of Greater Geelong has emerged from a period of unprecedented reform and rebuilding as a leaner, stronger and more focused municipality.

The financial and organisational problems inherited by the new City's first elected Council in March 1995 have been turned around, and the City is now on a path to a sustainable and prosperous future.

The first full year under the elected Council in 1995/96 saw clear directions set and a number of hard decisions taken. In 1996/97 the City began to reap the benefits.

In a period of outstanding achievement: Council's finances have been brought under control.

Council has demonstrated its capacity to give leadership and direction to the community.

Council has worked in partnership with business, industry, government, unions and the community to deliver substantial gains for Geelong.

A clear vision for the future of the City has begun to take shape.

Over the next three months I will look back on the past, talk about our achievements and in leading up to the March 1998 Council Elections outline the biggest challenge to face the Bellarine Peninsula and its many townships and hard working communities over the next three years.

ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE BUDGET

After a review of the City's finances and staffing structure by consultants Mills Oakley was completed in early 1996, Council discovered the extent of the financial problems facing it. Council was looking at a very large deficit in 1996/97. A major difficulty in putting the City's finances in order has been the State Government's rate capping legislation, which has severely hampered Council's ability to manage its own affairs. Under the legislation, rate increases have been limited to the rate of inflation minus one per cent. The impact on the City of Greater Geelong has been particularly severe because of its relatively low rate base. This was highlighted in a rates audit undertaken in 1996/97, with the consultants report concluding that the City's rates were 17-30 per cent below comparable municipalities.

Council moved to reduce debt in 1996/97 with a large asset rationalisation program. It was successful in disposing of 92 per cent of properties identified as surplus to requirements. Major sales included the Market Square shopping centre and the Sizzlers site at Belmont. The program was driven by Council's five year financial strategy. Council also took every opportunity to contain operating expenditure during the period under review, resulting in further significant savings to the budget. As a result a very pleasing rate determination surplus of \$2.46 million was delivered in 1996/97.

May I take this opportunity to wish all residents of Coryule Ward a Happy and Enjoyable Christmas and New Year Festive Season.

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The production of Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory held on the 20th of November, by our junior group was a great success! All of the performers were fantastic, showing that we have lots of young talent on the Peninsula. Directed by Trish Redmen who also did a fantastic job with scenery and dancing. Thank you to all of the backstage helpers and parents who helped produce an excellent night of entertainment!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Rehearsals are going well with everyone having fun and looking forward to the big night. Any vocalists or instrumentalists interested in joining in please phone Lorraine Hall on 5251 2893 for details.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's meeting was held at the Springs Community Room. Many matters were discussed regarding the group and it's future. New committee members were elected and a new Advertising and Marketing Committee introduced. We wish Jacquie Hall all the best in her new positions as President and Co-ordinator for the 10th anniversary, taking over the role of president from Jenny Bond who's services are much appreciated.

Any enquiries regarding the group please phone Jacquie Hall on 5251 2893.

Jayde Tucker
Advertising and Marketing Co-ordinator.

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A six-week course at SpringDale Community Cottage, Tuesday evenings from 8.00p.m. to 9.30p.m. commencing 24th February 1998.

The season of Lent is a time of special devotion for Christians who are preparing for the central events of Good Friday and Easter Day. The Jewish feast of the Passover and the spiritual journey of the Exodus (from slavery to freedom) is the background to the gospels' understanding of the Lamb of God and the sacrifice of Jesus.

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DRYSDALE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB - NOVEMBER 1997

The President of the Senior Citizen's Club, Mr. B. Ashworth, would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned for their wonderful efforts in making the garage sale held on Saturday, November 22nd, a huge success. Many bargains were to be had, and lots of satisfied customers left with their spoils, so much so that there possibly will be a repeat next year at some date to be decided upon. Watch this space during 1998.

The Round Robin Bowls Tournament was a success too, and the winning team, or rather "Duo", of Mrs. Alma Hutchinson, and Mrs. Dot. Barrands were presented with a trophy each. These are two of our stalwarts at the club, Alma is our accomplished pianist in the concert party, and Dot was a former producer of same. Well Done Ladies


The Christmas Luncheon is to be held at the Senior Citizen's Club on December 15th. At 12 noon. A report on this will be in the February issue, there being no issues in December or January.

It is with regret that we say farewell to Grace Davis, a member of the Drysdale Senior Citizens Club for 15 years. Grace is now returning to the U.K. to live, after spending 18 happy years here in Drysdale. Grace has been a very active member throughout having been a committee member, a member of the concert party, participated in bowls, running a keep fit class, and starting up a Square Dancing Class which has been going strong for 4 years. Grace was given a surprise 80th birthday party, which she described as being Fantastic, and one to remember and savour for all time. Grace sends her love and best wishes to everyone, and we all say in return, it was a pleasure to have met and known such a lovely and warm-hearted lady.

BON VOYAGE GRACE.

It only leaves me now to say, a great big thank you to all the folk at the SpringDale Messenger offices, and to wish you all from the Drysdale Senior Citizen's Club, a joyous festive season, and a happy and healthy 1998.

Many thanks,
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On behalf of the members of the Drysdale Police Station, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the community of Drysdale, Clifton Springs and Curlewis a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

As the holiday season approaches it is the time for celebration and the thoughts of many will be on holidaying away from home. I would like to take this opportunity to remind those of the community who will be away to take a little extra time in the preparation for their holiday.

A great number of people will be travelling by motor vehicle to their holiday location. Be sure the vehicle you will be travelling in is in a safe and road worthy condition. Make sure tyres, brakes, exhaust and other mechanical devices are operating correctly. Plan your trip make sure you are well rested prior to the journey. If there are two or more drivers in the vehicle share the time behind the wheel equally. If there is only the one driver in the vehicle make sure you take constant breaks. Obey the speed limits and other traffic laws. Remember it is bet-

ter to arrive at your destination a little bit late than not at all.

Before leaving your home be sure that it is properly secured. Make sure the mail, newspapers and other deliveries have been cancelled or are being attended to by a neighbour, friend or relative. Invest in a timer that turns on lights at different times. Tell your neighbour your holiday plans ask them to keep a look out and report to police any suspicious activity, straight away not the next day or tell you when you return. If you are going away for long stay make plans for someone to tend to your garden. There are a number of things that can be done to deter a burglar from breaking into your home. Persons going on holiday can complete an absence from residence form at the Drysdale Police Station.

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Contact Person(s) _____

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Toy Library closes for Christmas on December 13th and will re-open on February 7th 1998 from 10.30 - 11.30a.m. New and old member registration days will be held on February 14th and 21st. Membership fees will remain the same for 1998:-

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Leopold - Christmas Eve 7.30p.m.
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St. Leonards - Christmas Eve 6.30p.m.
Portarlington - Christmas Eve 12.00p.m.
Christmas Day 9.30a.m.

St. James Anglican Church

Carol Service - December 21st.
Christmas Eve- December 24th - 11.30p.m.
(Rev. Carlie Hannah).
Christmas Day- December 25th - 9a.m.
(to be arranged).

Uniting Church

Drysdale - 8.00a.m. Christmas Day
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Christmas Service Times:

Saturday 20th December 7 p.m.

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Sunday 21st December 10 a.m.


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Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 28th December 10 a.m.

Morning Worship Service



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Our bigger salon is relocating to Wyndham Street, next to Pinney's Pharmacy, just up from the Men's Salon. In this salon we offer a full range of Ladie's and Men's hairdressing including foils, highlights, perms, semi and permanent colours using the best available products at affordable prices. Our professional and friendly staff have been busy completing advanced courses to ensure the latest styles, product and techniques are available to clients.

Vicki is back working part-time providing clients with her expertise and experience.

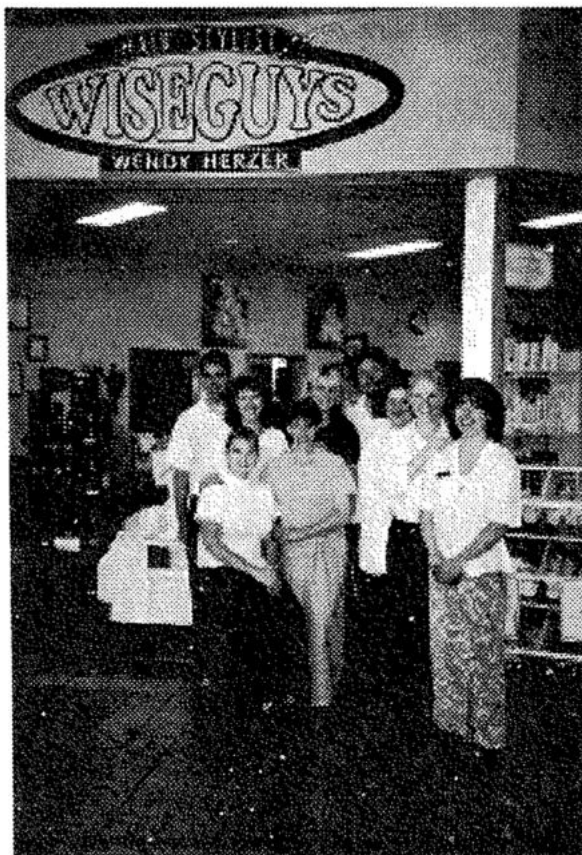
Jenny has also returned to Wiseguy's after a short stint away, many clients are glad to see her return.

Our hours are Monday - Wednesday 8.30 - 5.30, Thursday and Friday 8.30 - 8.00 and Saturday 8 - 12.30.


We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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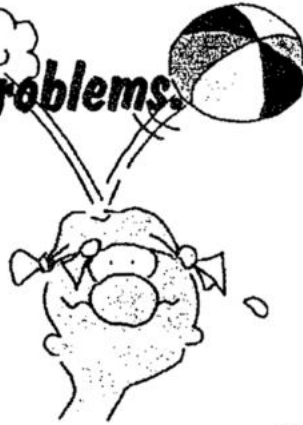
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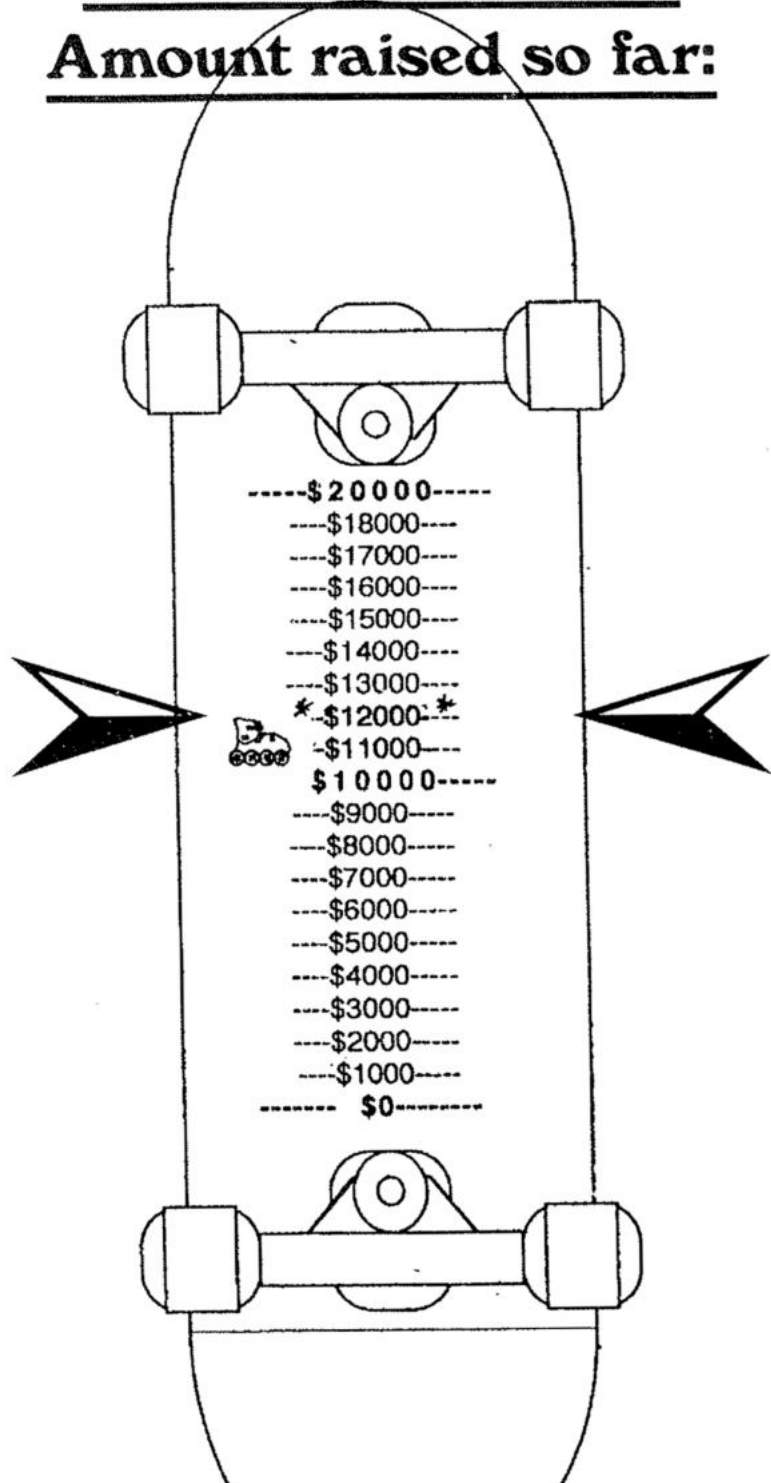
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We are a social group who encourage our members to eat sensibly, loose weight and enjoy each others company and experiences in a most friendly environment. Namely SpringDale Community Cottage. We have a monthly winner, a monthly raffle and speakers who come along and give us some wonderful advice on keeping fit and healthy. So if you are looking to loose weight, meet some new friends and generally have some quality time with others please come along and meet us all. We have a \$5.00 joining fee and a weekly fee of \$1.00 for your weigh in.


Pat, Mavis, Rhonda, Janice, Joan and Lisa all wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

SpringDale Trimliners are having a well-deserved break over the holidays and we will be back in full swing on Monday the 2nd of February, 1998. So for all of us who perhaps will over indulge over the Christmas period you will be most welcome to join Trimliners in the New Year.



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SPRINGDALE COURSES TO BE HELD AT BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE, DRYSDALE CAMPUS IN TERM 1 1998.

There was great success with the courses that were run this term at the new Bellarine Secondary College campus at Drysdale. The two courses run were Computers for Beginners and Woodworking for Women - two courses will be repeated in Term 1 of 1998.

Woodworking for Women:

Due to start on 18th February (8 week course) cost \$65.00.

Both these course have concessions for those with Pension or Health Cards.

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Children now have a right of contact, on a regular basis, not only with their parents but also with any other adult or child who is significant to their care, welfare and development. In deciding whether to make a parenting order (a residence order, a contact order, a child maintenance order or a specific issues order) a court must regard the best interests of the child as the "paramount consideration".

The Act sets out various factors which a court must consider in deciding the best interests of a child.

One of the factors is the child's wishes. The court will give any expressed wishes the weight it considers appropriate, taking into account such factors as the child's age, maturity and level of understanding. The child's wishes are usually ascertained by a psychologist or Family Court counsellor. A child's expressed wishes will not, however, be automatically followed. A child can be forced or feel compelled to express certain wishes that are not in keeping with their real wishes and those wishes may be contrary to what is in the best interests of the child. Also, there is nothing in the Act which compels a child to express his or her wishes.

Another factor is the practical difficulty and expense of a child having contact with a parent and whether that difficulty or expense will substantially affect the child's right to main-

tain personal relations and direct contact with both parents on a regular basis.

Parents who wish to relocate interstate or overseas pose a particular problem because the recent amendments to the Act were intended to involve both parents more in the parenting of the child. A Queensland Full Court decision is currently being awaited as to the affects of those amendments on relocation cases.

Sometimes a contact order will be made subject to financial conditions, for example, that the person in whose favour a contact order has been made pay the transport costs involved.

A further factor which a court can take into account is any family violence involving the child or a member of the child's family. If a court believes that a child may be harmed in some way by contact with a parent, it will usually place restrictions or conditions on the way in which contact is achieved rather than deny contact altogether. For example, a contact order can include provision for non-personal contact by letter or telephone or that contact be supervised by a person approved by the court.

There are nine other factors set out in the legislation. Please contact our office for further information.

Contact orders are never final. In appropriate circumstances a dispute concerning contact with a child can be reheard by a court.

The Family Law Act expressly encourages parents to agree between themselves on the matters concerning their children rather than seek orders from a court. Parents can agree on these arrangements in the form of a parenting plan which can then be registered in a court. When a parenting plan is registered its provisions are enforceable as if they were court orders. Before a parenting plan is settled parents should obtain independent legal advice.

The writer wishes to acknowledge the Law Institute of Victoria's contribution to the above article.

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ACHIEVING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

It's nearly Christmas. How has the past year been for you financially? Are you suffering from a severe case of "Cashectomy"? Is your New Years Resolution about not wasting money (you know - the same one resolution that you made last year and the one before that) in tatters?

If this is you - 'don't worry' situation typical. Why not heed the lessons of the past and take a few steps to make sure next Christmas (and all of the other expensive events during the year) are planned for.

Achieving financial independence is possible by keeping a few simple rules:

Prepare a Family Budget

Preparing a family budget is an important step towards achieving financial independence because:

It helps you determine how much you have available to invest;

It makes you accountable for your spending; and

It helps you to assess what you need to spend and what you can do without.

Invest Small Amounts Regularly

Its surprising how quickly small amounts, invested regularly, can grow. For example, \$25 invested each week at a real interest rate of say 6% per annum (i.e. after inflation of say 4%) grows to \$1,350 in one year, \$4,300 in three years and \$18,000 in ten years.

The important thing is to invest regularly no matter what else happens, i.e. make it **compulsory**. If you can't put it in your pocket, you won't miss it.

Understand The Difference Between "Saving" and "Investing".

In prior generations, Mum would take some of Dad's weekly pay and put it in the biscuit jar on the top shelf of the pantry. This might have been a good exercise for her calf muscles but it did nothing for the accumulation of the family wealth. The money was "saved" but it was not "invested".

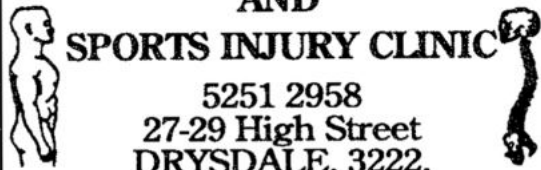
The best strategy for you is to start investing as soon as possible and invest for as long as possible. You saw above how \$25 invested each week over ten years grows to \$18,000. If the same \$25 per week had been put in Mum's biscuit jar, it would have only grown to \$10,900 (after taking inflation into account).

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Diversifying means protecting your investment. It means spreading the risk so you can sleep at night.

Understand The Relationship Between Risk and Return.

The basic principle is this - the higher the risk - the greater the return.

If your investment time frame is short term, then it is wise to place the money into investments, which are less speculative, and to accept the possibility of earning a lesser return.

For long term investments it is beneficial to place some funds into those areas which, although subject to short term volatility, will provide greater returns in the long term e.g. shares and property.

Be Comfortable With Your Advisor And The Advice Given

The world of finance and investment can be very daunting to the average Australian. Concepts such as "negative gearing, balanced returns and dollar cost averaging," etc can be confusing.

Make sure your advisor is able to offer a range of investment choices and is not tied to a few investment products. Also make sure that the advisor is able to communicate with you. You need to be able to clearly set out your goals and objectives so that the advisor can prepare an investment strategy, which suits your goals and objectives.

Good luck - here's hoping that 1998 is the year that you commence the journey towards your financial independence.

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